

WHAT IS DURANGO SONGWRITERS EXPO?

Since 1996, Durango Songwriters Expo has been connecting songwriters, artists, and the music industry. Originally a small gathering in Durango, Colorado, the event has grown and been held in several locations over the years, while continuing to foster a community-focused spirit. As the word has spread about our event within the music industry, Durango is proud to have played a part in many songwriter success stories, including innumerable collaborations, hundreds of film/tv placements, and several management & publishing relationships that have led to major record deals.

In 2020, we hosted our first virtual event with our Film/TV expo, and look forward to making our first-ever 2021 Virtual Expo a great success.

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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2021

The Durango virtual event mimics our in-person experience as closely as we can, to maintain the Durango experience and keep the flow of events feeling familiar. The event will take place through an interactive online platform, which will feature rooms you can move throughout, featuring opportunities for networking, showcases, song listening, panels, and more - just like our in-person event. The biggest changes due to this year's event moving to an online format will be the following:

VIDEO SHOWCASES

Each showcase will be hosted by an emcee who will conduct a short live interview with each showcasing artist in between playback of the showcase videos. There will also be interaction and ice-breaker questions with the audience who can comment through the chat window. We want to create a LIVE experience in a tech-friendly and high-quality way.

Due to the virtual format, each attendee wanting to showcase must submit a video entry. It can either be a live performance video or a music video, the choice is yours. Once you have registered for the event and paid your showcase submission fee (\$15), you can upload your video submission at **DURANGO-SONGWRITERS-EXPO.COM/SHOWCASE**.

We very much prefer an uploaded video file submission, but if you only have a YouTube link, please email it to **INFO@DURANGO-SONGWRITERS-EXPO.COM**.

SONG LISTENING SESSIONS

As always, **we request that you speak with Jim Attebery (970-946-9521)** before registering for the expo, to discuss the best sessions for you. Once you've registered and signed up for sessions on our website, we ask that you upload a track for each session so that we can create playlists for each session to keep things running as smoothly and efficiently as possible. You can do that here:

DURANGO-SONGWRITERS-EXPO.COM/SESSIONS

CHAT

One benefit to having our event go virtual, is that we can talk in the chat window about the music during listening sessions and showcases. You are invited to 'ooh' and 'aah' about each other's music all you want. If you want to have another conversation unrelated to the current music that's being played, you can go into another room, or even create your own room, to have a conversation. No more shushing people in the back!

REGISTER NOW!

EARLY BIRD
(UNTIL JAN. 15)
\$290

REGULAR
\$335

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DURANGO
songwriters
EXPO

VIRTUAL EDITION
FEBRUARY 18-20 2021

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DURANGO songwriters EXPO

THURSDAY, FEB 18

3-5PM
5PM
6PM

MEET AND GREET, NETWORKING
ORIENTATION
SONGWRITER SHOWCASE #1

FRIDAY, FEB 19

9AM-11AM

SONG LISTENING

Country—Bobby Rymer, Eric Hurt
Country—Nicole Sherrill, Roxy King, Alex Tamashunas
Pop/Rock/Sync—Christina Wiltshire, Brian Naguit, Richard Harris
Pop/Rock/Sync—Ciara Shortridge, Alex Fulton, Eddie Caldwell
Pop/Rock/Sync—Emmy Feldman, Katy Davidson, Jessica Gramuglia
Pop/Rock/Sync—Molly Jonke, Steve Schroeder, Nick Keenan
Indy/AAA/Pop/Sync—Steve Garvan, Rinat Arinos, Josh Saxe

11:15AM-12:15PM

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

"Business Versus Busyness"—Tommy Jackson and Andrew Rudd
"Plugins and How to Use Them"—Chris Gelbuda

12:45-2PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

"Songwriting with Kalsey Kulyk"

2:30-4:30PM

SONG LISTENING

Country—Josh Saxe, Cliff Downs, Warren Sellers
Country—Kendall Lettow, Christina Wiltshire
Pop/Rock/Sync—Noreen Prunier, Catherine Wharton, Max Espinosa
Pop/Rock/Sync—Chris Lakey, Sabrina Del Priore, Jeff Skaggs
Pop/Rock/Sync—Adam Epstein, Steve Schroeder, Shelby Comstock Britten
Pop/Rock/Sync—Ralph Torrefranca, Katy Davidson, Jon Ernst
Pop/Rock/Sync—Olaf Thomsen, Rosie Howe, Tricia Fontneau-Ramos

4:30-5:45PM
6PM

MEET AND GREET, NETWORKING
SONGWRITER SHOWCASE #2

SATURDAY, FEB 20

9:30-10:40AM

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

"PUBLISHING"—Emmy Feldman, Adam Epstein,
Tricia Fontneau-Ramos, Bobby Rymer, Molly Jonke, Kirby Smith,
Kendall Lettow, Ciara Shortridge, Cliff Downs, Nicole Sherrill,
Chris Lakey, Butch Baker, Max Espinosa
"DIY"—Steve Garvan, Mike Lembo, TBA

11AM-1PM

SONG LISTENING

Country—Jeff Skaggs, Butch Baker
Country—Ciara Shortridge, Chris Gelbuda
Pop/Rock/Sync—Kirby Smith, Jon Ernst, Tommy Jackson
Pop/Rock/Sync—Cliff Downs, Nick Keenan, Adam Zelkind
Pop/Rock/Sync—Eric Hurt, Jessica Gramuglia, Richard Harris
Pop/Rock/Sync—Kendall Lettow, Eddie Caldwell, Craig King
Pop/Rock/Sync—Emmy Feldman, Rinat Arinos, Alex Fulton

1:30-2:45PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

"FILM AND TV"—Catherine Wharton, Jon Ernst, Sabrina Del Priore,
Brian Naguit, Jessica Gramuglia, Nick Keenan, Rosie Howe, Shelby
Comstock Britten, Eddie Caldwell, Rinat Arinos, Alex Fulton

3:15-5:15PM

SONG LISTENING

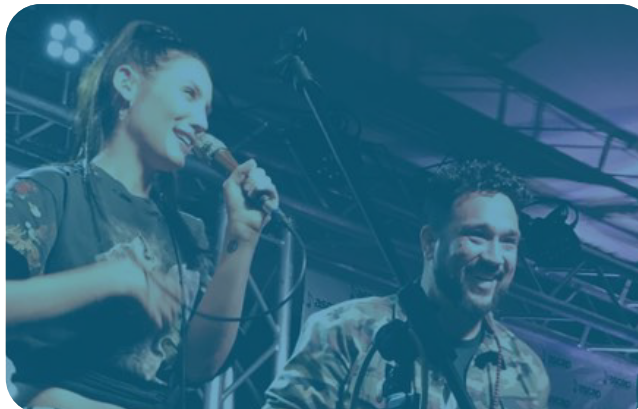
Country—Bob Squance, Warren Sellers
Country—Nicole Sherrill, Kalsey Kulyk
Pop/Rock/Sync—Tricia Fontneau Ramos, Catherine Wharton
Pop/Rock/Sync—Roxy King, Sabrina Del Priore, Ralph Torrefranca
Pop/Rock/Sync—Olaf Thomsen, Shelby Comstock Britten, Onree Gill
Pop/Rock/Sync—Noreen Prunier, Brian Naguit
Pop/Rock/Sync—Molly Jonke, Chris Lakey, Rosie Howe

6PM

HIT SONGWRITER'S CONCERT

Big Al Anderson, Kalsey Kulnyk, Chris Gelbuda, TBA

All times on the schedule are in PST.



SPECIAL GUESTS

AL ANDERSON, NASHVILLE: Formerly part of legendary group NRBQ and mega-hit songwriter with #1 hits, "The Cowboy In Me", "Trip Around The Sun", "Unbelievable", & "Love's Gonna Make It Alright"

RINAT ARINOS, LA: Songwriter/Producer, Founder of Pink Shark Music, LLC

BUTCH BAKER, NASHVILLE: Senior VP of Creative, Mojo Music and Media

EDDIE CALDWELL, LA: CEO of Music of the Sea, Inc.

SHELBY COMSTOCK BRITTEN, LA: Music Supervisor/A&R/Publishing, Rainhouse Music

KATY DAVIDSON, LA: Senior Music Producer, Marmoset

SABRINA DEL PRIORE, LA: VP of Creative Music and Strategy, Viacom/CBS

CLIFF DOWNS, NASHVILLE: Senior VP of Publishing and A&R, Given Entertainment

ADAM EPSTEIN, NASHVILLE: Head of A&R, Demolition Music Publishing

JON ERNST, LA: Head Music Supervisor and Owner of Showrunner Music

MAX ESPINOSA, LA: Director of A&R and Publishing Operations, One Hit Away Music

EMMY FELDMAN, NEW YORK: Head of A&R, Heavy Duty Music Publishing

TRICIA FONTNEAU-RAMOS, LA: A&R Manager, Disney Music Publishing

ALEX FULTON, NY: Music Producer and Supervisor, Fulton Audio

STEVE GARVAN, SAND POINT, ID: Owner of Garvan Management and Consulting

CHRIS GELBUDA, NASHVILLE: Expo Alum, hit staff writer at Curb-Word Entertainment. Chris produced mega platinum hit "Like I'm Gonna Lose You" for fellow Expo Alum Meghan Trainor and John Legend.

ONREE GILL, LA/NY: Composer/Producer (Jay-Z, John Mayer)

JESSICA GRAMUGLIA, LA: Music Supervisor, Conde-Nast Entertainment

RICHARD HARRIS, LA: Noted Expo alum, producer, hit writer, and staff writer at Peermusic

ROSIE HOWE, LA: Music Supervisor/Owner, StraightUp Music Supervision

ERIC HURT, NASHVILLE: VP of A&R, EMPIRE-Nashville

TOMMY JACKSON, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL: CEO First Note Entertainment

MOLLY JONKE, NASHVILLE: Director of A&R, Atlas Music Group

NICK KEENAN, CHICAGO: Music Supervisor/Producer, Untitled Collective

CRAIG KING, ATLANTA: Co-Owner of Rapplug Inc., CEO Gentle King Technologies

ROXY KING, NASHVILLE: Creative Coordinator, Concord Music

CHRIS LAKEY, LA: SVP of Creative/Sync, Kobalt Music

MIKE LEMBO, LA: Mike heads up LA-based Mike's Management and Funzalo Records.

KENDALL LETTOW, NASHVILLE: Creative Manager at Peermusic

BRIAN NAGUIT, LA: Manager, Director of Music Creative at CBS Studios

NOREEN PRUNIER, LA: A&R at Wide Eyed Entertainment

ANDREW RUDD, NASHVILLE: Producer and Songwriter, First Note Entertainment

BOBBY RYMER, NASHVILLE: VP of Music Publishing at Writer's Den Music Group

JOSH SAXE, NASHVILLE: Senior Creative Director at Endurance Music Group

STEVE SCHROEDER, PORTLAND: Manager of A&R, Marmoset

WARREN SELLERS, ORANGE COUNTY: Warren is an Expo alum and staff writer

NICOLE SHERRILL, NASHVILLE: Creative Director, MV2 Entertainment

CIARA SHORTRIDGE, NASHVILLE: Senior Creative Director of Publishing, Curb-Word Entertainment

JEFF SKAGGS, NASHVILLE: VP of Creative, Creative Nation

KIRBY SMITH, NASHVILLE: Creative Director, WinSongs Music Publishing

BOB SQUANCE, NASHVILLE: Senior Manager of A&R, Round Hill Music

ALEX TAMASHUNAS, NASHVILLE: Creative Coordinator, Anthem Entertainment

OLAF THOMSEN, LA: A&R and Licensing at O Major Songs

RALPH TORREFRANCA, LA: Director of A&R, Angry Mob Music

CATHERINE WHARTON, LA: Music Supervisor, Viacom/CBS

CHRISTINA WILTSHIRE, NASHVILLE: A&R Director, Warner Chappell Music Publishing

ADAM ZELKIND, SANTA BARBARA: Award-winning songwriter and composer with multiple accolades from ASCAP and BMI